

Daily Dose of Verbal Ability-25-06-2019

Vocabulary

Addle (adj):

If something addles someone's mind or brain, they become confused and unable to think properly
I suppose the shock had addled her poor old brain

Ailing (adj):

An ailing organization or society is in difficulty and is becoming weaker
The rise in overseas sales is good news for the ailing Company's economy

Analogous (adj):

If one thing is analogous to another, the two things are similar in some way = comparable
The report's findings are analogous with our own

Amiss (adj):

If you say that something is amiss, you mean there is something wrong = wrong, faulty
She sensed something was amiss and called the cops.

Cursive (adj):

written in a style of writing with the letters join together
A cursive script is faster to write.

Extempore (adj):

spoken or done without any preparation or practice = impromptu
His extempore speech received a great response.

Glossy (adj):

Glossy means smooth and shiny = smooth and shining
The nailpaint was dark and glossy

Heedless (adj):

If you are heedless of someone or something, you do not take any notice of them = not noticing; disregarding
The heedless destruction of plants is contributing to global warming

Idyllic (adj):

If you describe something as idyllic, you mean that it is extremely pleasant, simple, and peaceful without any difficulties or dangers= peaceful
We went for an idyllic vacation in a Boat house.

Acerbic (adj):

Acerbic humour is critical and direct = bitter
He was acclaimed for his acerbic wit and repartee

One Word Substitutions

1. Tough tissues in joints – **Ligaments**
2. The study of maps – **Cartography**
3. A person who breaks into houses in order to steal – **Burglar**
4. The study of the origin and history of words – **Etymology**
5. One who can walk on ropes (tightrope walker) – **Funambulist**
6. Belonging to all parts of the world – **Cosmopolitan**
7. One who hates mankind – **Misanthrope**
8. One who goes to settle in another country – **Emigrant**
9. Constant efforts to achieve something – **Perseverance**

Root Words

<u>ROOT</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>EXAMPLES</u>
multi	many	multifaceted having many aspects multifarious having many parts multitudinous numerous
neo	new	neologism newly coined word neophyte beginner; novice
non	not	noncommittal undecided nonchalant lack of interest
ob, oc, of, op	against	obloquy harsh statement (loqua = speak. Related words: loquacious = talkative, breviloquent = speak- ing very little) occlude close; block out (claudere = shut) offend insult opponent someone who struggles against; foe
olig	few	oligarchy government by a few